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### MEMORANDUM

Date: January 14, 2009

To: House Appropriation Long Range Planning Subcommittee

From: Mike Phillips, Representative, HD 66, Bozeman

Jennifer Pomnichowski, HD 63, Bozeman

Franke Wilmer, HD 64, Bozeman

Bob Hawks, SD 33, Bozeman

Subject: Funding for Water Reclamation Facility

I understand that Thursday morning (1-15-09) you will consider funds for the water reclamation facility for Bozeman. Through the TSEP, the city requested \$750,000 from DOC to support Phase 1 reconstruction of the facility. Apparently the request fared poorly in the application process, apparently due to an obvious lack of public support. As your legislators from Bozeman, we know first-hand that notable support exists for the project, which is critically needed to avoid enactment of one of the highest sewer rates in Montana and, perhaps more importantly, to preserve water quality in the East Gallatin River. Additionally, the project to reconstruct the water treatment facility is "spade ready" and would stimulate the regional economy by providing badly needed jobs.

We look forward to a favorable review by the Subcommittee. Please contact any of us if we can be of any assistance.